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SUBJECT: SOVIET MEDIA CHOKE ON U.S.-PANAMA TREATY

1. WASHINGTON CEREMONIES IN CONNECTION WITH SIGNING OF U.S.-PANAMA TREATY PROVOKED SOUR GRAPES RESPONSE IN SOVIET MEDIA. POLITICAL COMMENTATOR A. N. DRUZHNIN DISCUSSED TREATY AT SOME LENGTH ON SEPT. 8 VREMYA TV NEWS PROGRAM. HE DESCRIBED "CRUDE PRESSURE" APPLIED BY U.S. TO PANAMA, SAID USG HAD MADE ITS OWN CONCESSIONS ONLY UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE FROM AROUNED PUBLIC OPINION, PROGRESSIVE FORCES, ETC., AND NOTED THAT DOOR HAD BEEN LEFT OPEN FOR LATER U.S. MILITARY INTERVENTION. EVEN SO, HE CONDLUED, REACTIONARY FORCES IN U.S. PLAN TO BLOCK TREATY RATIFICATION.

2. PRAVDA SPECIAL WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT G. VASIL'YEV HAS ARTICLE IN SEPT. 9 PRAVDA WHICH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GRUDGINGLY ADMITS TREATY'S RECOGNITION OF EVENTUAL PANAMAIAN SOVEREIGNY AND INCREASED PANAMANIAN REVENUES, BUT ALSO SARCASTICALLY CITES TORRIJOS AND WP ON PRESERVATION OF U.S. CONTROL AND PRIVILEGES TO YEAR 2000.

3. VASIL'YEV ARTICLE AND ALSO SEPARATE COMMENTARY

ON SEPT. 8 VREMY A SHOW HIT THEME OF U.S. "HYPOCRISY" REPRESENTED BY WASHINGTON'S NOISY HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN ON ONE HAND AND OFFICLA HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO "HANGMAN OF CHILEAN PEOPLE" AND "BLOODY DICTATOR" PINOCHET.

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